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Dragons Smash Jinx: Score Second Win Over Concordia Cobbers, 66-59

by Hugh Schoephoerster

They played it right out of Frank Merriwell Wednesday night with the Johnson boys, Ken and Jim, taking the role of old Frank in the Dragons 66-59 victory on their home floor.

Ken, hitting on his two-handed set shots like the Staples flash of old, and brother Jim with speed and drive to burn netted 15 more, most of them coming in the first quarter.

John Torgerson, Dragon captain and high scoring forward, was not hitting as good as usual, but he still picked up 18 counters, 10 of them on free throws. Torgerson's rebounding was outstanding as the whole Dragon team played the boards hard.

The final score does not indicate the real closeness of the entire 40 minutes. Jim Johnson, with five of MS' first six points, got State off to an early 6-3 lead and held the margin with the score 16-13 at the first quarter.

The game developed into a see-saw second frame with the Cobbers' Rod Westrum displaying his 'kiss shots' with amazing accuracy. Half-time saw MS ahead only 31-30.

The score was tied at 48 all going into the final frame and Concordia had moved to a five point advantage with eight minutes left in the con-

test. It was then that the Dragons started to go. With four minutes to go, Ken Johnson tied it up with a basket and from there on in, it was all Dragons.

Cobber Rod Westrum took high point honors for the evening with a superb 23-point effort. Floyd Anderson picked up 16 counters with his driving tactics.

This victory was the third straight for the Dragons; the second in a row over the Cobbers.

In a preliminary game, the Concordia freshman, led by Jim Auaky's 15 points, downed the Dragon reserves 63-57. Darrel Hesby picked up 14 markers for the Crimson and White and played a nice floor game.

Candidate Listing Made For Commission Primary

Candidates who will run in the Student Commission primary elections Wednesday, February 10, were announced this week. Additional candidates may be added to the ballots by petitioning on one of the days set for that purpose: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, January 1, 2, and 3.

Petition candidates or their representatives must file petitions with the secretary of the Commission or its official representatives not later than 3 p.m. on the third school day following this publishing of the other candidates names in the MiSTiC and on the Before a petition is submitted to the

college bulletin boards. (February 3) Commission it must be signed by the candidate being petitioned. This will signify his acceptance of the candidacy. This may be done after or before the petition is circulated.

Petition forms shall be available from the secretary of the Commission.

Number of names required for petitions will be based on the official on-campus enrollment figures. Ten percent of the student body shall be needed to complete a petition for President and Education Commissioner and Vice-President; eight percent of the student body for any officer or commissioner not covered by the ten percent ruling.

Students may sign only one petition for each office. If there is a duplication of signatures for individual officers the person's name shall be struck from both petitions.

If a student has filed for an office or has been nominated by the Commission and accepted, he may not withdraw and petition for another office.

The individual or group circulating a petition for a candidate will be responsible for the conduct of the candidate's campaign.

The following people are the candidates for election to the 1954-1955 Student Commission:

President — Shereen Erickson, Pat Ferris, and Herbert Johnson;

Education Commissioner and Vice-President — Twilla Monson, and Richard Rasmusson;

Secretary-Treasurer — Don Chizek, Merlyn Meyer, and Darrell Schuetze;

Athletics — Roger Haire, Dareld Hirschey, and DeWaryne Kurpius;

Forensics — Sandy DiBrito, Ruth Ann Seidenkrans, Rhoda Senechal, and John Soeth;

Music — Don Ellingson, Kenneth Larson, and Ronald Oliphant;

Pep — Art Chard, Joyce Johnson, and Anna Marie Varriano;

Properties — Gay Johnson, Tony Ludwig, Stan Motchenbacher, and Alvin Rudisell;

Publicity — Barbara Benson, Norma Hoving, Leland Nelson, Wanda Splitstoser, and Pat Sullivan;

Religion — Joan Fett, Don Holm, Vernon Kuhn, Una Orud, and Bruce Reski;

Social — Frank Leidenfrost, Audrey Lien, Lois Neilson, and Billy Roy.

The MiSTiC has prepared a questionnaire for these candidates. Next week's MiSTiC will be a special commission issue featuring pictures of the candidates and their answers to the pre-election questionnaire.

Plot includes

Miser, Money, Marriage

In the play, "The Miser," to be presented by the freshman class on Tuesday, February 9, Harpagon (played by Sandy DiBrito) is the miser. He has an obsession for money and has a large sum in his possession. He does not, however, want his son and daughter to find this out. Harpagon intends to marry his son, Cleante (Don Wilson), and his daughter, Elise (Pat Gunstinson) to persons of wealth so that he may have all his money for himself.

Harpagon also plans to find himself a wife. Complications develop when he finds his son, Cleante, is also in love with the girl, Marian, whom he wishes to marry. (Rae Iverson).

To make matters a bit more confusing, the man that Elise is in love with, Valire (Stan Motchenbacher), has disguised himself as a servant in the house of Harpagon, when in reality he is of aristocratic birth.

Cleante's valet, LaFleche (Bill



Don Torgerson, Dragon forward, stands back and watches as his brother John scrambles for the ball with two Concordia players. MiSTiC photo by Arland Brusven.

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German Student Makes First F-M Speech Here

Herbert Immenga, a Fullbright scholarship student from Germany, will speak to the local chapter of FTA Thursday, February 4, at 7:30 p.m. This will be his first appearance in Fargo-Moorhead.

Immenga, a young man in his late twenties, is a German elementary principal who came to the United States under the sponsorship of the United States Department of State.

He has been assigned, by the United States Department of State, to spend one month in Moorhead. While here, he will study education, business, and industry in this area.

He came to the United States September 16, 1953, with other students from Germany. He spent two weeks in Washington, D. C., for orientation on such phases of American

life as our economic system, social problems, civil liberties, political parties, and system of local, state, and national government. Immenga spent January in the State of Washington. He will come to St. Paul, Monday, February 1, and will receive orientation on Minnesota from our State Department of Education.

While in Moorhead, he will live at the home of Ben Horvick. His first public appearance in Moorhead will be before the college FTA chapter.

MS Initiates HS Citizenship Conference

Developing good citizenship is an important part of every public school program and, so, plans are being made by the Western Division of MEA and Moorhead State Teachers College to initiate the Red River Valley Citizenship Education Conference on Saturday, February 27th. High schools in this area are invited to send their best citizens as chosen by the students of their respective schools.

On that day there will be discussion meetings with various topics concerning leadership such as in classwork, social clubs, sports and other school activities, held in the morning. These discussions will be led by college student leaders.

In the afternoon the best citizens from the discussion groups will form a panel. They will discuss the question: "Should we lower the voting age to eighteen?"

Committees are being formed to meet with Dr. Amos Maxwell who is the conference committee chairman. These committees are planning carefully to help make this conference a big success and probably an annual event.



IT TAKES A LOT OF WORK FROM THE PRODUCTION COMMITTEES to get a play ready for presentation. Here three play production class members work on stage preparation. Pictured are stage manager Karl Dyre, prop man Harold Elseth, and stage hand Gary Schmidke, who is also a member of the cast. MiSTiC photo by Arland Brusven.

Are College Students Independent Thinkers or Followers of the Group?

How independent is the thinking of the average college student? At times, one would be inclined to say that his thinking was quite independent and that he had become a rational human being acting as his thoughts dictated.

One might also ask about the independence of action as far as the student is concerned. Does a person in college tend to follow the group or does he stand by his convictions once he has stated them?

The questions must go unanswered, and the facts, such as they are, can be left to speak for themselves. What do the riots in Spain prove about thinking and action? No doubt the action is an outgrowth of some thought process, but the relative objectivity of the thought cannot be accurately determined. The actions of the students in Spain is, of course, a large example, but we can find other examples close to home, though on a lesser scale.

The tendency to follow the actions and thought processes of the group is often necessary and fundamental; without such following this Republic would fall. But constant following, constant adherence to the dictates of the group is not always the best for the individual concerned. In many cases the objective of the group as a whole may be good, but if the means by which the end is achieved conflicts with the standards of a member, then there is room for question.

The college, because of its very nature, seems to foster collective action and to develop the concept of unified pursuit which was started early in the individual education. At the same time, many new college students are chocked to find that an original opinion is frequently required. Too many freshmen, coming into a college for the first time, stumble over the log of independent thinking. The

comfort and security of the group, where thought may be collective, reassures the individual until, in the extreme, he has lost individuality and has become an intellectual cog in an intellectual mass.

While he is nearing this point, and after he has reached it, he is easy prey for the seemingly clear and decisive logic of the demigods and agitators. It is at this point that the passion of, say nationalism, overrules reason and opens the gates for the fury of riot. If we can assume that after-thought condemns the action, we can probably assume that a degree of independent thought before the action, might have charted a different course.

It is difficult to say whether the college actually teaches such rationalism or if it simply alludes to the merits of reason in the thought process. If it cannot be taught, it can at least be illustrated.

The coming elections for the college student council afford grounds for the discussion of independent thought and action. We can only hope that those who do vote, vote because of their convictions and not because of the popular appeal of this person or that person to the electorate. If the end is not significant, at least the means must be, for if they were not, then what reason would exist for the realization of the ends? A job worth doing, may or may not be worth doing well, but a job that must be done, must be done well.

Yet, the extreme exists. Frequently an individual will be termed "adverse" after it is learned that he refuses to follow the group. If this so-called adversity is but an outgrowth of the desire to be opposite, or different, then there is little justification. The middle road is, in all likelihood, one that fits the individual concerned. Some are more inclined to follow than lead, although they must regard themselves as more than baggage.

No solution can be suggested when no problem has been stated, and this may be the refuge of editorial writers, but none-the-less, the topic deserves some contemplation. It may be that posters poking fun at instructors is an illustration of independent thought regardless of the innocence which prompted the action. It may be that asking what teachers want in a paper

is a form of independent thought. It may be, and if it is, then we should start to think about it, though such a statement seems to constitute in itself, a paradox.

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "to talk of many things..." RB

Move Over, Rover

[Daddy's coming home]

"But I don't know your name," she murmured.

"No," I offered, "but our interests are the same."

"Oh, I'm glad you like education. I mean, I think education is the greatest. Don't you?" she garbled.

"Yes," I said, with a modicum of restraint, "we must get together."

"What will my friends say? I mean, I'm engaged to be married."

"That may create a problem," I proposed.

"But after all, he's so juvenile, I mean he's too young. You're my type."

"Yes."

"Do you really think so?" she panted.

"I do."

"I bet you say that to all freshmen. After all, I mean, I'm more clear-headed than most of them. I'll find out if you are stringing me along."

"Please," I said, "you must have faith in me."

"Oh, I do," she whimpered, "forgive me, my love."

"Let us drink a toast to you, my pet. Let us drink many toasts to you. Let us drink."

"Oh, let us do," she gurgled, "I mean, it's so stimulating."

"And what did you say your name was?" I ventured.

"Sarah," her plate protruded.

"How nice. I once knew a girl by the name of Sarah. But she didn't know enough to come in out of the rain. Caught pneumonia."

"Caught her death of cold, eh?"

"Not exactly. The doctor thought she was a Siamese twin and tried to operate. She didn't last long after that."

The Ferris Wheel

by Pat Ferris

This department would like to defend basketball and wrestling at Moorhead State Teachers College from the stereotyped writing of a certain sportswriter who submits "short" stories to the MiSTiC every week.

Mr. Short has arrived at the conclusion (not an original one, of course) that something is lacking in the Dragon basketball set-up. How-

ever, he has failed to mention that he himself surpasses the six-foot mark. Nor has he suggested any plans for improving the team. Perhaps he is that bit of necessity which the team needs.

Wrestling, according to Mr. Short, is "a primitive sort of contest where one man pits his strength against another." He also made it emphatic that brown is dominant over brains and that "brutal" contests such as wrestling lack finesse.

Yet, we wonder how much finesse exists in college basketball. The MS TC - St. Cloud game was as far from finesse as Minnesota is from the South Pole.

The fact that wrestling may be a "novelty" does not mean that it will die. Ice cream cones, movies, and ping pong are, in a sense, novelties, but they are still with us. The fact is that anything in which students are interested will live if they want to push it rather than defeating its very purpose by writing discriminatory articles.

To move one's body into a position of leverage, and to outwit an opponent requires more than physiological talent. It requires the ability to think clearly in critical situations. Wrestling is a sport in which the co-ordination of mind and body is very important.

Wrestling is a sport for those who have enough courage to get out on their own to win or lose in a battle of strength, and skill, with a will to win. It, like basketball or any other competitive sport, is helpful to the participant in gaining a sense of competition and fair play.

Those who wrestle are human beings with human thoughts and motivations. They only differ from basketball players and debaters in that they are co-ordinated in a different way. It would be a rare world if everyone had abilities concentrated along the same channels. Mr. Short should come to the realization that there is no place for automatons in modern athletics.

If wrestling should die from lack of support, we are sure that we will find Mr. Short playing the role of the brave dog who barks at the bones of a lion.

Letters to The Editor

To the student body:

The spirit and extra push given to us by members of the Pep club and other team boosters helped us immensely to defeat Wahpeton Science last week.

The fact that the Pep club chartered a bus to Wahpeton proves that school spirit can and does exist at MSTC, and that it has good possibilities for growth.

Knowing that we had someone in the crowd backing us helped a lot, and we are especially grateful to those who have shown enough interest in us to go out of town, especially in a storm, to back us up.

Sincerely yours,
The MSTC basketball team

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'Ease, Finesse'

Mark Wicklund's Acting

by Betsy Robinson

Dimmed lights, a silhouetted cross, and the beautiful strains of an old Latin hymn formed the prelude to the fifteenth century morality play given January 23 through January 26 at the First Methodist church in Fargo.

Setting the mood for "Everyman" was the Amphian Chorus of Fargo and Moorhead. A cross silhouetted by red and blue lights against a drapery formed the altar background as the chorus sang several hymns. Dressed in skull caps and black gowns similar to medieval monks' robes, the chorus added much to the performance.

Special honors should be extended to Richard Wicklund, MSTC senior, for his fine portrayal of the lead as *Everyman*. He executed his part with ease and finesse.

BEWARE

***Of Diamond Bargains

There is usually a reason behind a so-called "bargain," otherwise a merchant would not be forced to offer a special price inducement to make a sale. It is a logical assumption that the merchant could not sell for more, what he is now offering for less** as he is not motivated by charity, but profit. Fine diamonds, unlike seasonable, fashionable or perishable merchandise, have a comparatively constant demand and there isn't the necessity to unload them before the market is gone. Be duly skeptical about "slashed diamond values," "half-price sales," and "wholesale discounts."

Martinson's Jewelry

All the players gave commendable performances. A light, humorous note was added by the Devil and the cousins.

Using the church as the background and stage did much to make the production an effective and en-



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Parties, Initiations Top Calendar

Sorority rushing parties and fraternity initiations head-line the current social calendar. Here is a round-up of rushing news.

AE'S INITIATE SEVEN

Completing the informal initiation requirements for active membership in the Alpha Epsilon fraternity on Tuesday were Aaron DesJardins, Richard Brant, Leonard Zimmerman, Bill Paries, Leo Burley, Gary Schmidtke, and Charles Sloan. The date has not yet been set for the formal initiation.

OWLS EGG THIRD GROUP

Pledges John Chalfont, Stan Motschenbacher, and John Soeth finished their week of informal initiation on Monday night. Tuesday morning Jerry Bolger, Don Bentzen, Donald Hirschey, & Dick Krabbenhoft began the egg portion of their initiation which will continue until next Monday, February 1.

Concordia, MS Young Democrats Plan Visit from Hubert Humphery

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, senator from Minnesota, stated in a letter to the college chairman of the YDFL, Eddie Merck, that he gladly accepted the invitation of the club to come to Moorhead, and that he would be more than happy to spend a day with the Young Democrats of MSTC and Concordia.

Humphrey stated, "I want you to know how much I depend on the young people - I have had the support of the young men and women, and I want to keep it, in fact, encourage and develop it."

Senator Humphrey was unable to set a specific date for his intended visit, but was certain he could work in a day in March or April.

PSI DELT'S GO 'PIRATE'

"Pirate Paradise," was the theme for the formal dinner given by the Psi Psi Delt in honor of their rushees last night. The dinner was given in the Colonial Room of the Gardner hotel.

GAM'S PICK NAUTICAL THEME

The Gamma Nu sorority gave a "Captain's Dinner" in honor of their rushees at the Avenue Room of the Graver Hotel, last Tuesday evening.

BETA'S RELIVE ARABIAN NIGHTS

The mysterious theme of "Arabian Nights" was chosen by the Beta Chi's for the formal dinner which they are giving at the F-M hotel on Monday, February 1.

PI'S HAVE 'TOYLAND' SETTING

The Colonial Room at the Gardner hotel was scene of the Pi Mu Phi sorority formal dinner. The dinner, with a "Toyland" setting, was given

last Monday evening. SORORITIES STAGE TRADITIONAL TEAS

The rushing teas will be given on Sunday, February 7, in the sorority rooms from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. These teas are traditional events.

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F-M Open Forum Sponsors Panel

The Fargo-Moorhead Open Forum will present panel of foreign students discussing "Problems of the Near and Far East" at the Emerson Smith school in Fargo, Tuesday, February 2, at 8 p.m.

Members of the panel are: Stephen Yanai, Japan, a student at the University of North Dakota; Majduddin M. Jaffer, India, also a student at UND; Seifoullah Lotfi, Iran, from the NDAC, and Samih A. Ismir, Arabia, a student at Concordia College.

All members of the panel are students of world politics, particularly as they concern their native lands and regions. Each speaks English well and has made many public addresses.

Following the discussion there will be a question and answer period for the audience. The public is invited. There will be no charge for this discussion.

Wesley Club Plans

Basket Social

Wesley club has set Sunday, Jan-

Brusven Takes Third at STC Speech Tourney

Mankato talked its way into top position at the annual State Teachers College Speech Tournament at St. Cloud last Friday and Saturday, January 22 and 23.

MSTC's only placing in the final results was Arland Brusven's third

place rating in discussion.

Mankato's Jeanne Powers and Janet Kaufman composed the team that came out in top place in debate.

The other tournament results were: Extemp superior rating - Janet Kaufman, Mankato; Charles Fisher, St. Cloud; and Truman Wood, Mankato.

Oratory superior ratings - Don Heinzman, Mankato; Grace McIntyre, St. Cloud.

Discussion (in order of placing) - Charles Fisher, St. Cloud; Arland Brusven, Moorhead; Jeanne Powers, Mankato; and Don Heinzman, Mankato.

MSTC's team A composed of Arland Brusven and Ronald Burnett compiled a 2 win - 1 loss record. Team B members, Leo Burley and Janice Levenson received three defeats.

Arland Brusven paced the MSTC debate squad with 39 points followed by Ronald Burnett with 33 points.

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Blitzes, Schmoos Gain First-Place Tie in I-M Competition

The Blitzes and Schmoos are tied for first-place honors at the completion of the third week of intramural basketball.

Jerry Mikshe's Blitzes have won three consecutive games but do not have one man among the twenty high-scoring players in the league. They appear to be the defensive strong-horse in the intramural basketball race.

The Schmoos also have a 3-0 record, but their offensive play has been their key to victory. Paced by Rommie Gail, who is leading the entire league with 59 points, the Schmoos have racked up a tally of 198. Don Peterson and Howard Ege are also helping the squad along with their shooting ability.

Following in third place are the Batamweights. Every time they take to the floor their opponents are faced with one-half ton of meat. Moochie Varriano, Chuck Sloan, Pat Ferris, John Chalfant, and John Money help to bring the team's weight up to the point where the floor boards tip.

The fourth-place Bears are leading scoring honors with a total of 202. The Bears have three men in the top-ten bracket of the scoring column for the league. Darrell Schutze tops the three with 53, while Karl Dyre and Glen Hagen follow with 46 and 41 respectively.

Explaining why they are in fifth place the Dawgs claim, "We just can't hit the bucket from anywhere." They are in seventh place in the offensive standings, fourth in the de-

fense column, and have one man (Marvin Olson) in the "top-twenty" column.

Wins over the Addicts and the Dawgs have placed the Slew-pumps as the middle team in the league. They are in sixth place with a 2-1 record.

Following in seventh and eighth places are the Cast-Offs and Left-Overs. Ed Rischel is leading the Cast-Offs with 30 points, while Don Wilson is pacing the Left-Over with 40.

Although the Lopers are in ninth place with a record of 1-2, they have the second best defensive team in the league. Like the Blitzes, the

Lopers do not have any men among the top-twenty scorers.

The Soldiers were named in honor of Don Berry who started the team before he joined the Army this fall. It is not known if he is aware of the fact that they are in tenth place with a total of 135 points to their credit.

Battling for the cellar are the Addicts and the Scaleawags. Both have 0-3 records. The Scaleawags are at the bottom in offensive standings, while the Addicts take the bottom of the league defensively. In spite of the fine shooting of Dick Zak, who is third in league scoring, the Addicts have not won a game.

SHORT STORIES

by Don Short

In a month or so, high school basketball all over the state will reach the high point of the season as the teams square off in the various sub-district and district tournaments, which will eventually culminate in the state basketball championship at Williams Arena in Minneapolis late in March.

Basketball fever, as usual, will hit this area hard. Aside from the regular threats from the big schools in the district, several small schools are

looming as powers and may well take the play from the larger schools.

Moorhead and Detroit Lakes are considered favorites this season as they have been now for the last five or six years, but Fergus Falls, previously one of the only real powers, is an also ran this year and is not seriously considered by any one as having a chance.

A couple of the smaller schools may have the opportunity to represent this district in the regional. Pelican Rapids, a big strong team well stocked with veterans, and our own MSTC high school, have shown themselves to be mighty dangerous.

Pelican, with only one defeat on its record, showed its potential last spring in the consolation finals of the district tournament in scoring a 62-52 point victory over the pre-tourney district favorites, Detroit Lakes.

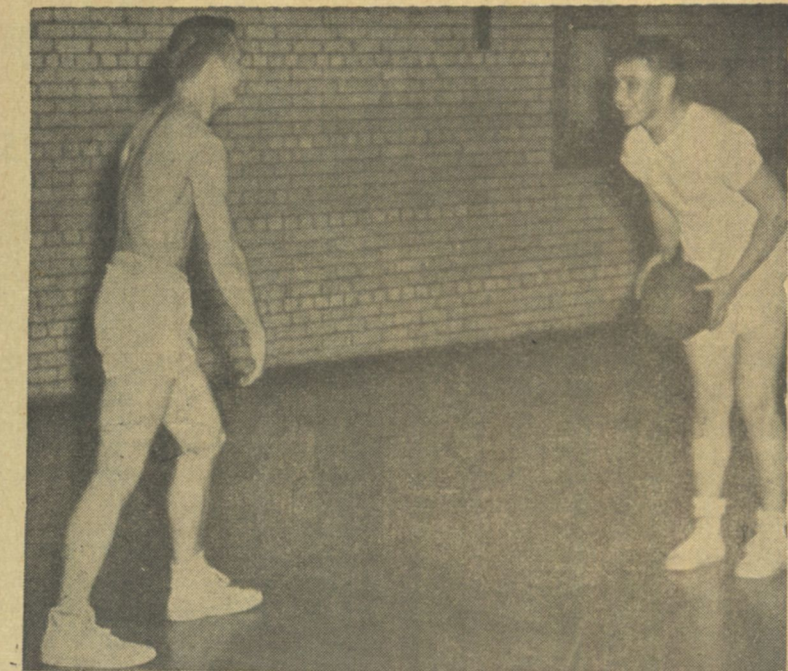
MSTC High, coached by Don Anderson, to date has but two defeats on record and only one of these is to a Minnesota team; a loss to Glyndon in a Christmas tournament. The Baby Dragons, although not sporting too much height, are one of the finest shooting teams and well coordinated units in area basketball. They are led by co-captains Doug Nielson and Ricky Gray, with Dennis Anderson, Larry Leach and Lyle Witt rounding out the first five.

We know, Pat.

Marvin Olson Elected Wrestling Team Captain

Marvin Olson, a sophomore from Moorhead, has been chosen captain of the Dragon wrestling team by members of the squad.

Olson began wrestling at Moorhead high in the 154-pound division. He learned a letter three consecutive years, and in his senior year advanced to the Minnesota State Wrestling Tournament where he was defeated in the finals.



Roman Gail (with ball) and Darrel Schuetze show the form that has made them the top two scorers in the intra-mural league. Gail, playing with the first place Schmoos had scored 59 points in his first three games. Playing with the fourth place Bears, Schuetze has notched 53 counters in the game number of contests. *MiSTiC* photo by Arland Brusven.

Dragons Battle Winona Tonight: Add Two Wins

The MSTC Dragons move back into conference competition tonight when they take on the Winona Warriors on the MS court. The Dragons still stand a chance of moving out of the cellar in the loop. The rest of the league teams, with the possible exception of Bemidji, seem comparatively weak and may falter as the race comes down to the wire.

The Dragons hold one 56-54 win over the Warriors but Winona cannot be considered a pushover since they gave the Mankato Indians a one-sided shellacking on the Indian's own court.

A game at St. Cloud next week and one at Bemidji the following wind up the season's conference schedule for the war-weary Dragons.

The Dragons added two more wins to their skein last weekend as they trampled an overmatched Wadena Air Base five, 96-48, Thursday night, and then squeezed by Wahpeton Science, 84-80, Saturday, both games being played away.

The Dragons, never seriously threatened, held period leads of 22-12, 40-32, and 61-39 over the Airmen as coach Roy Domek poured 13 men into the game in an effort to hold the

score down.

It took a 26-point final quarter for the Dragons at Wahpeton as they overcame a six point third-period deficit to snatch victory away from the dangerous Wildcats. MSTC held a slim 17-16 advantage at the end of the first quarter, but Wahpeton came back to lead the Dragons at the next two stops, 39-37, and 63-58, and were in front at times by as much as 10 points.

John Torgerson and Roger Haire led the Dragon attack with 23 and 20 points respectively. Jerry Retig of Wahpeton stowed away high point tromped on overmatched Wadena Air up 26 counters.

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